

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q76987

Shinichi AYA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/642,292

Group Art Unit: 2879

Confirmation No.: 2004

Examiner: Elizabeth A. RIELLEY

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For:

METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING DISCHARGE TUBE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of December 22, 2005 to June 22, 2006.

A check for the statutory fee of \$900.00 is attached. First month extension fee was charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 on May 4, 2006. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted

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